

BROWNHelm'S FIRST TWO (BRIEF) PHYSICIANS

According to published early-histories, a "Dr. Weed" was the first physician to reside in Brownhelm Twp. That is a reference to Dr. Isaac W. Weed, who arrived here circa the year 1819, but died in 1822.

However, in fact, another physician had also resided here (by 1819): Dr. Edwin W. Cowles.

That is verified in local taxation records, and additionally in a biography of Dr. Cowles' son, Giles, who "*was born in the year 1819, in Brownhelm, Ohio*".

But Dr. Edwin W. Cowles only remained here in Brownhelm Twp. for approximately one year.

Dr. Edwin Weed Cowles was a first-cousin to the wife of Dr. Isaac W. Weed --- Dr. Weed's wife's maiden-name was likewise 'Weed': she was the daughter of Frederic Weed, who was the brother-in-law of Rev. Dr. Giles H. Cowles, (the father of Dr. E. W. Cowles' --- and a well-known early resident of Ashtabula Co. Ohio). (And -- in addition to Dr. Cowles being a genetic first-cousin of Mrs. Weed -- Dr. Cowles was potentially a genetic distant-cousin of Dr. Weed, too --- because, ostensibly, Dr. Weed was a "cousin", (probably at least in some distant way), to his own wife. (The parentage of Dr. I.W. Weed has not yet been ascertained.)

Here is an interesting biography of Dr. Edwin W. Cowles (although, unfortunately, it doesn't mention his very brief residency in Brownhelm). [Especially note the incident on the steamboat 'Henry Clay'.]



HISTORY OF ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO.

(1878; WILLIAMS BROS.) p.99

EDWIN WEED COWLES,

physician, born in Bristol, Connecticut, in the year 1794, removed to Austinburg with his father, the Rev. Dr. Cowles, in the year of 1811. His ancestors were all of Puritan descent, except one line, which traced its origin to the Huguenots. On the Cowles side he was descended from one of three brothers who settled in the town of Farmington, Connecticut, in 1652, where his father was born. On his mother's side, who was a Miss Abigail White, of Stamford, Connecticut, he was a direct descendant of Peregrine White, the first white child born in New England. His grandmother on the Whites' side was descended from a

Huguenot, by the name of De Grasse, which name was subsequently changed to Weed. Rev. Thomas Hooker, the first clergyman who settled in Connecticut, was one of Dr. Cowles' ancestors. He was educated in the academy, Farmington, Connecticut, and was imbued by his father and mother with the highest principles of the Christian religion and love for his fellow-beings. He studied medicine with the late Dr. O. K. Hawley, of Austinburg, and after receiving his degree he practiced medicine in Mantua, Portage county, Ohio, and in 1832 he removed with his family to Cleveland. In 1834 he removed to Detroit, and practiced there till 1838, when he returned to Cleveland, where he spent the remainder of his professional life, and made himself a high reputation both as a physician and a valuable citizen. His leading traits as a physician were the exercise of benevolence and fearlessness in the performance of his professional duties. These noble qualities were thoroughly illustrated when that great scourge, the Asiatic cholera, made its first appearance in Cleveland the first year he settled there. This disease was introduced by the arrival of the steamer "Henry Clay," which sailed up to the landing at the foot of Superior street; as usual in those early days, when there were no railroads and telegraphs, the crowd assembled at the landing to hear the news and to see who had come. As the boat neared the wharf the captain appeared on the deck, and exclaimed that "the cholera had

broken out among his passengers and crew; that several were dead and a number more were down with it, and for God's sake to send a doctor aboard!" This announcement created a panic in the crowd. They all scattered and fled in every direction,—many taking their horses and fleeing into the country. A messenger went hurriedly to the office of Dr. Cowles, and with a frightened expression of countenance informed him that his services were needed,—that "the boat was filled with the dead and sick." The doctor promptly started for the boat, and exerted himself immediately with all his power to alleviate the sufferings of the sick. At a meeting held previously by the citizens of the then village of Cleveland it was voted, with only two dissentient votes, that no boats having the cholera aboard should be allowed to come into port or land their passengers, for fear of contagion. The two who opposed this inhuman act were the late Thomas P. May and Dr. Cowles. Under this action of the citizens, the "Henry Clay" was obliged to leave. Dr. Cowles volunteered to accompany the sick and look after them, and in spite of the remonstrances of his friends, who believed he never could get through alive, he accompanied that charnel-ship to Detroit, and remained on it until everything possible had been done to relieve the sick and to fight down the death-dealing scourge. His predominating trait was love of justice to all—the high and low, rich and poor. This sense was strongly developed in his hatred of the system of slavery, which, as he expressed it, "violated every commandment in the decalogue, every principle of justice, all laws of human nature, and destroyed the foundation of a common humanity." He was one of the first who came out publicly and avowed themselves "abolitionists," at a time when it was considered disgraceful to be called by that term. He was one of the oldest members of the "old Liberty Guard," and many a poor fugitive slave has he aided to freedom via the underground railroad. As a politician he was somewhat prominent. He supported the old Whig party down to the time he voted for General Harrison, in 1840. In 1841 he joined the "Liberty party," the germ of the present Republican party.

In all the walks of life he was distinguished for moral rectitude, honesty, and incorruptible integrity. As a gentleman of general information he rarely, if he ever did, meet with his peer, for, like John Quincy Adams, he never forgot what he read, and it was this gift that made him the remarkable conversationalist and controversialist that he was. He was a devout and active member of the Congregational church, and one of its most valued supporters. He was married in 1815 to Miss Almira Mills Foot, a lady of great force of character, of amiable disposition, and of a most affectionate nature. She was born in Norfolk, Connecticut, in 1790, and was descended from Nathaniel Foot, the first settler of Wethersfield. She was a half-sister of the late Joseph B. Cowles, of Austinburg, and of the late Hon. Samuel Cowles, who died in Cleveland in 1837. She died in 1846. After the death of his consort Dr. Cowles spent his remaining days among his children, who vied with each other in endeavoring to promote his comfort and smooth the ways of his declining days. He died in June, 1861, at the residence of his son, Mr. Edwin Cowles, in Cleveland. Had he lived only one and a half years longer he would have witnessed the great desire of his heart,—the abolition of slavery. As it was, like Moses of old, "he died in sight of the promised land."

Dr. Cowles had six children. His first child, Samuel, died when three years of age. His second, Giles Hooker, died in Cleveland, aged twenty-three years, leaving four, who are living,—Mrs. Helen C. Wheeler, of Butler, Missouri; Judge Samuel Cowles, of San Francisco, California; Edwin Cowles, editor of the *Leader*, Cleveland; and Alfred Cowles, one of the publishers of the *Chicago Tribune*.

[Additionally connected to Lorain County: Dr. E. W. Cowles' uncle, Rev. Henry Cowles, was an early Oberlin College 'Professor'. And, Dr. E.W. Cowles' son, Edwin Jr., had formerly been a business-associate of Josiah A. Harris, the proprietor of the 'Cleve. Herald' newspaper. (Josiah A. Harris was the son of the 'founder' of Amherst, "Judge" Josiah Harris.)]

It is not currently known if Dr. Cowles had arrived simultaneously with Dr. Weed, to Brownhelm.

Isaac Weed is not listed in the '1819' tax records; however, his father-in-law, Frederic Weed, is listed. Therefore, it's likely that Isaac Weed and his wife Caroline, (Frederic's daughter), were members of Frederic Weed's household, here, in 1819. (In 1817, while still residing in in Ashtabula Co., "*Caroline C. Weed*", "*of Austinburg*" Twp., and "*Isaac W. Weed*", "*of Morgan*" Twp., were married by Rev. G.H. Cowles.)

DR. ISAAC W. WEED

According to the 1878 'History of Ashtabula County', Dr. Weed had only arrived there to Morgan Twp. "*in 1817 or 1818*", and "*remained in the township but a short time*". And, because he died (1822) so soon after moving to Brownhelm Twp. (by 1820), very little else is known about his life.

(The 'estate' records, below, which show the distribution of his assets, are mainly interesting because of the many names of the other local residents who apparently still owed him for his services here.)

A peripheral aspect of his Brownhelm 'history', is the fact that very shortly after his death (in Feb. or March, of 1822), his widow, Caroline C. Weed, married local resident George F. James (in June, 1822).

The actual location of Dr. Weed's death is not denoted in the records. (Although he was in the process of purchasing land here --- and, all of his assets were here in Brownhelm Twp. --- but he could have been elsewhere when he died.) It is also not known if he is buried within Brownhelm Twp. The property which he was purchasing, (as indicated in the tax records), was the "west part" of Twp. Lot 5 (which is on the Lake shore, at the end of modern-day Sunnyside Rd.). He had apparently contracted for it, with Col.

Henry Brown, (who, after Dr. Weed's death, sold that same lot to Judah Hart --- who died within a very short time after purchasing it, and was buried on that same farm, with his own wife and her visiting father, who all died within a few days of each other). It is unlikely that Dr. Weed would've been interred upon that same property, (for which, he had not yet finalized the purchase). It is possible that he was originally interred nearby, in what would later publicly become "Brown's Lake Road Cemetery" --- although that cemetery was not formally created until '1836'. (Some members of the James family and of the Shepard family, had been interred there on their own private-property, prior to combining their family-burialgrounds to create this public cemetery in 1836). But, regardless of Dr. Weed's original burial place, it is also possible that his 'remains' were re-interred, into this cemetery after 1836 --- especially because his widow married the son of "Deacon" Stephen James -- who was one of the former owners of this cemetery's land. The burial-place of Dr. Weeds widow's second husband, George F. James, is likely in this same "family" graveyard; although the larger 'Brownhelm Cemetery' is a possibility for both of her husbands.

But after the death of George F. James in 1864, his widow Caroline C. (Weed) Weed-James, and her daughter Jane (by Dr. Weed) and her other children (by Geo.F. James), were all said to have been residing in central and western USA. Caroline is thought to have died near Council Bluffs, IA, in 1865; her burial-place is likewise undetermined.

(Incidentally, Judah Hart, and his wife and her father, were later re-interred into "Brown's Lake Road Cemetery"; presumably in the 1840s, after that Hart family farm on Twp. Lot 5, was finally sold to non-family owners.)

Caroline's parents, Abigail (White) and Frederic Weed, resided in Brownhelm Twp. merely for a very short time. Mr. Stephen McDonough, (a descendant of Frederic Weed), supplied this information:

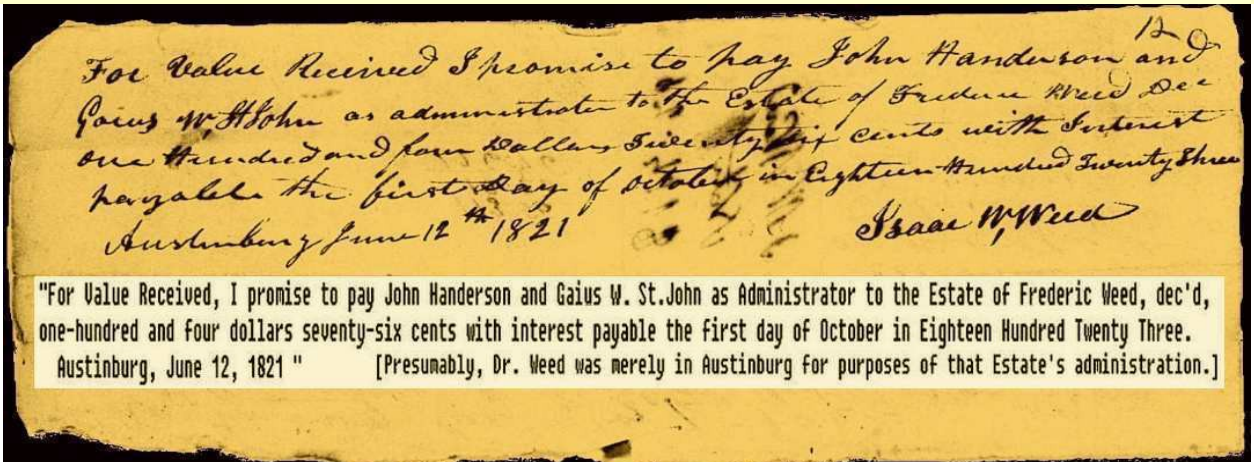
"They came to Austinburg, Ohio, in 1812; and a number of years later, they went to Lorain County, but became dissatisfied and returned to Austinburg -- with the family on sleighs. The trip was too much for them -- and husband and wife became sick, and shortly thereafter died."

[Frederic and Abigail Weed died in early-1821, estimated from Court Probate records. Perhaps the reason they had decided to return to Austinburg so soon after relocating to Brownhelm Twp., might have actually been to flee from a locally-prevalent disease which affected many of the early settlers of this specific neighborhood, (including the Sylvester Barnum family); and, if so, then the Frederic Weed family unfortunately fled too late for his and his wife's benefit -- not even surviving the fairly short trip back to Ashtabula County. (The cause of Dr. Weed's death, here, about one year later, is unknown; perhaps it was sudden, because he died "intestate" (no 'will').]

Caroline's sister Jane soon returned to Brownhelm Twp., and married Theo. H. Wells, and remained here for a few years, having several children born here; but, about 1835, left for LaPorte Co., Ind.

[Theo. H. Wells was the brother of Mrs. Ann (Wells) Graham-Bacon (=Mrs. Benjamin Bacon); and likewise the brother of Mrs. Margaret (Wells) Hawley (=wife of John K. Hawley --- and true resident of "Mill Hollow"). See 'Mill Hollow, Its Hidden History', for newly-discovered information about the Hawley and Bacon families.]

Below, is a receipt written by Dr. Weed, in connection with the 'Estate' of his deceased father-in-law, Frederic Weed. [This document was preserved in Dr. Weed's own Estate papers, in "Huron County". Lorain County had not yet been established. (Documents specifically from Frederic Weed's estate, still exist in Ashtabula County.)]



*For Value Received I promise to pay John Handerson and
Gaius W. St. John as administrators to the Estate of Frederic Weed dec'd
one hundred and four dollars seventy-six cents with interest
payable the first day of October in Eighteen Hundred Twenty Three
Austinburg June 12th 1821 Isaac W. Weed*

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one-hundred and four dollars seventy-six cents with interest payable the first day of October in Eighteen Hundred Twenty Three.
Austinburg, June 12, 1821 " [Presumably, Dr. Weed was merely in Austinburg for purposes of that Estate's administration.]

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I know all men by these Presents that the Levi
 Shepherd Henry Brown Alva Burtis and Stephen
 James of the County of Huron & State of Ohio are
 here and firmly bound unto Richard Marshall
 Treasurer of the State of Ohio County of Huron
 in the penal sum of Five Hundred Dollars
 lawful money of the United States to which payment
 well and truly to be made unto the said Treasurer
 and his successors in Office we Do bind ourselves
 our heirs Executors & Administrators, and every
 of them jointly & severally firmly by these
 presents. Sealed with our seals & dated this fourth
 day of March AD 1822

The Condition of this Obligation is such
 that if the above named Levi Shepherd Adminis-
 trator of all singular the goods chattels and credits
 of Isaac W. Weed late of the Township of Brownhelm
 County & State aforesaid Dec^d do make or cause to be
 made a true & perfect Inventory of all and singular
 the goods chattels & credits of the said Dec^d which
 have or shall come to the knowledge hands or posses-
 sion of the said Levi Shepherd or into the hands or
 possession of any other person or persons for him
 (Signed by the appraisers mentioned in the letters of
 Administration) and return the same together
 with a Bill of the Sale of the goods & chattels of
 the Dec^d and also a true and accurate Statement
 of all the Debts due & owing to the Estate to the
 Clerk's Office of the County aforesaid within three
 months from the date hereof and moreover

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make or cause to be made a true and just
account of his administration on or before
the 4th day of March 1823 and do adminis-
ter agreeably to the Statutes of the State of Ohio
in such case made and provided: and
if it shall hereafter appear that any last
will or Testament was made by the said
Dec'd and the executor or executors therein named
or any other person or persons do exhibit the
same and request to have it allowed & appor-
tioned if the said Levi Shepard being the executor
required do under & deliver the Letters of Ad-
ministration granted on the estate of the said
Dec'd to the officer from which the same
were issued then this obligation to be void
otherwise to remain in full force and
virtue in law

Sealed & Delivered
in presence of
Amos Woodward
Eli S. Barnum

Levi Shepard L.S.
Henry Brown L.S.
Alva Curtis L.S.

(APPOINTING OF LEVI SHEPARD AS ADMINISTRATOR OF ISAAC W. WEED'S ESTATE.) [partial transcription]

Know all Men by these Presents [i.e. presentations] That We,
Levi Shepard, Henry Brown, Alva Curtis, and Stephen James
of the County of Huron & State of Ohio, are held and firmly bound unto Ichabod Marshall (Treasurer
of the County of Huron), in the penal sum of Five Hundred Dollars lawful money of the United States,
to which payments well and truly to be made unto the said Treasurer and his successors-in-office, we
do bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors & Administrators, and every of them jointly & severally firmly
by these presents.

Sealed with our Seals, & dated this 4th day of March, A.D. 1822.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above named Levi Shepard (Administrator of all &
singular the Goods, Chattels, and Credits of Isaac W. Weed, late of the Township of Brownhelm, County
& State aforesaid, Dec'd), do make or cause to be made, a true & perfect Inventory of all and singular
the Goods, Chattels, & Credits of the said Dec'd, which have or shall come to the Knowledge, Hands,
or Possession of the said Levi Shepard or into the Hands or Possession of any other person or persons,
for him (signed by the Appraisers mentioned in the Letters of Administration), make or cause to be made
a true and just account of his administration on or before the 4th day of March 1823 {..... etc.}

(signed by Levi Shepard, Henry Brown, and Alva Curtis; witnessed by Amos Woodward, Eli S. Barnum)

Brownhelm Huron County Ohio April 22nd 1822 3

Inventory of the Estate of Isaac W. Weed late of Brownhelm
deceased. goods & chattels as taken and appraised by Stephen James
Thomas Sly & William Brown appraisers who after being
duly sworn proceeded to appraise said ^{estate} as shown us by Levi Shepard
Administrator as follows -

	\$.	Cents
1 mare 20.00 saddle & bridle 2.50 - 17 hogs at fifty cents 3.50	26	00
1 yoke of oxen 45.00 - 1 cow 8.00 - 1 cow 12.00 - 1 hog 10.50	65	50
1 calf 2.00 - 1 spinning wheel 1.00 - 7 pieces of Iron ware 8.00	11	00
1 yoke of steers 15.00 - 1 gun 5.00 - 1 brass kittle 2.50	22	50
Shovel & tongs 1.50 flat Irons " 75 - 1 teatray " 75 - 4 th / ₄ drag teeth 6.00	9	00
1 clevis " 75 - 1 iron wedge " 50 - piece of chain 1.00 - 1 churn 1.00	3	25
7 chairs 1.00 - 5 st. iron hoops " 75 - 2 axe eyes 1.25 - 2 sets of the Irons 4.00	4	00
1 table 1.00 - 1 do 1.00 - 2 pails " 50 - 3 trunks 2.00 - 1 silver watch 5.00	9	50
1 wooden clock 1.00 - 1 candle stand " 75 - 8 towels & 1 table cloth 3.00	4	75
1 pair brass and Irons 1.00 - 1 razor 25 - 6 tin pans 1.50 - puter plate 50	3	25
3 woollen blankets 3.00 - 1 trammel 1.00 - 1 auger 25 - 1 car comb 25	4	50
1 bible 1 testament & 2 volumes North travels & 1 small brook 150 - 1 hon thorn 1	62	
1 pig leather .75 - 3 2 qrt cotton jars - 75 - 12 quart jars 1.50	3	00
1 wash tub 25		25
Medicine 2 oz opium 1.00 - Gun guiac 112	1	12
lot of sundry medicine in papers 3.00 - 1 box of scales & weights 1.00	4	00
1 turnkey tooth Instrument 3.00 - 22 vials 1.00 - 4 gund bottles 25	4	25
1 spring		25
1 iron mortar		75
	\$	179 49

Stephen James
Thomas Sly
William Brown

State of Ohio } Personally appeared Stephen James 4
Huron County } Thomas Sly & William Brown appraisers
of the goods and chattels of Isaac W. Weed
late of Brownhelm deceased and was duly sworn according
to law before me
Black River
20th Apr 1822

J. Quigley J. P. C. S.

Dollars		Cents
Paid with Levi Shepard Administrator — C.C. 6+		
By Amount brot. from the other side —		526 83
By 1 yoke Oxen 45.00 — 1 Cow 8.00 — 1 Cow 12.00 — — —		65 00
1 Spinning Wheel 1.00 — 7 pieces Iron ware 8.00 — — —		9 00
1 yoke Steers 15.00 — 1 Gun 5.00 — 1 Brass Kettle 2.50 — — —		22 50
1 pr. Shovel & tongs 1.50 — 1 Sad Irons .75 — 1 Tea tray .75 — — —		3 00
47 3/4" Dragteeth 6.00 — Plough Clevis .75 — 1 Iron wedge .50 — — —		7 25
1 Churn 1.00 — 7 Chairs 1.00 — 2 sets Scythe Irons 1.00 — — —		3 00
2 tables 2.00 — 2 pails .50 — 3 trunks 2.00 — — —		4 50
1 Silver Watch 5.00 — 1 wooden Clock 1.00 — Candlestand .75 — — —		6 75
8 Towels & 1 Table Cloth 3.00 — 1 pr. Brass Andirons 1.00 — — —		4 00
1 Razor .25 — 6 tin pans 1.50 — 1 Pewter platter .50 — — —		2 25
3 woolen Blankets 3.00 — 1 Iron trammel 1.00 — 1 Auger .25 — — —		4 25
1 Curry Comb .25 — Bible, Testament 2 vols travels &c 1.50 — — —		1 75
1 Lanthorn .12 — 1 piece leather .75 — 3 two Qt. Jars .75 — — —		1 62
12 Qt. Jars 1.50 — 1 Wash tub .25 — — —		1 75
Sundry medicine — papers 2.00 — 1 box scales & weights 1.00 — — —		4 —
1 Tooth instrument 3.00 — 22 vials 1.00 — 4 Junk bottles .25 — — —		4 25
1 Iron Mortar 1.75 — 1 Syringe .25 — — —		2 00
The above Articles were taken by the widow } C.C. Weed at the Appraisal — — —		673 70
Mistake in buying to Wm. Brown which has not been paid		1 00
Levi Shepard — — —		\$ 674 70

(In initial inventory: "1 mare" \$20; "saddle & bridle" \$2.50; "7 hogs" \$3.50)
 1 yoke oxen; 2 cows; 1 spinning-wheel; 7 peices iron-ware;
 1 yoke steers; 1 gun; 1 brass kettle; 1pr. shovel & tongs;
 ("flat") sad-irons; tea tray; 47 3/4" dragteeth; plough clevis;
 1 iron wedge; 1 churn; 7 chairs; 2 sets scythe irons;
 2 tables; 2 pails; 3 trunks; 1 silver watch; 1 wooden clock;
 candlestand; 8 towels & 1 tablecloth; 1pr. brass andirons;
 1 razor; 6 tin pans; 1 pewter platter; 3 woolen blankets;
 1 iron trammel; 1 auger; 1 curry-comb; 1 lanthorn [lantern];
 3 two-quart jars; 12 one-quart jars; 1 washtub;
 ("Opium", "gum-guiac", and) sundry medicine in papers [envelopes] ;
 1 (box) scales & weights; 1 ("turn-key") tooth [dental] instrument;
 22 vials; 4 ("gunk") bottles; 1 iron mortar; 1 syringe.
 "The above articles were taken by the widow, C.C. Weed, at the appraisal."

A list of Debts due the estate of Doct Isaac ⁵
W Weed late of Brownhelm Deceased as far as
known,

from Peter P Pease		\$ 4-64
George Bacon Junr	2-19	Levi Parsons 3-82
		6-01
Sylvester Barnum	6-08	Thompson Blair 6-00
		12-08
Grandison Fairchild	5-00	Ebr Scot
		4-78
Almon Keelson	7-63	Stephen James
		8-51
Jacob Houseworth	39-78	Joseph Pelton 7-00
		46-78
Ruluf Andrus	8-76	Wm D. Silverthorn 3-50
		3-50
Reuben Wallace	12-07	Wm Martin
		14-98
Robert Green	46	
		46
Henry Brown		
		223-76
		\$ 342-57

↑ (DEBTS OWED TO THE ESTATE OF ISAAC W. WEED, From
Peter P. Pease; George (Jr.) Bacon; Levi Parsons; Sylvester Barnum; Thompson Blair; Grandison Fairchild;
Ebenezer Scott; Almon Keelor; Stephen James; Jacob Houseworth; Joseph Pelton; Ruluf Andrus;
Wm. D. Silverthorn; Reuben Wallace; Wm. Martin; Robert Green; Henry Brown.)

Debts due from the estate of said Decead
Due Fredericks Weeds Estate \$ 104-26

Elisha Peck	1-26	Nathan Moulton	86	2-02
Alfred Avery	2-86	George Wells	1-00	3-86
Ezekiel L Goodrich	107			1-07
Set off to the widow in addition to other articles 20 dollar cash				20-00
				\$ 131-21

Brownhelm June 3, 1822 Levi Shepard Administrator

(Debts owed by Isaac W. Weed's 'estate' to the 'estate' of Frederick Weed; and debts owed
to Elisha Peck; Nathan Moulton; Alfred Avery; George Wells; Ezekiel L. Goodrich)

D ^r . The Estate of Isaac W. Weed late of Brownhelm deceased		62	
		Dollrs	Cents
1822			
March	To P. Jas. Williams Clerk of C. Com Pleas as p ^r . Rec ^t .	3.	00.
	To Cash paid for Expenses in attending Court to take letters &c.		50
	To P. for Advertising in Cleveland Herald	1.	00
25	To P. George Wells the balance of his account	1.	—
	To P. Stephen James, Wm Brown & Thos Sly, Appraisers	3.	00
May 6	To P. Charles Whittlesby the Balance of his account	3.	23.
	To paid postage of letters from Austinburg & Harpersville		37 1/2
	To paid Horatio Perry as per receipt	1.	67.
	To P. Elisha Cook " per do	1.	26.
Dec. 7	To P. Henry Brown per do	1.	50.
"	To P. G. W. St. John Administrator of Frederick Weed, on a note given by Isaac W. Weed	113.	56.
	To P. G. W. St. John the balance of his acc ^t . as p ^r . receipt	13.	20.
	To P. A. H. Betts for carrying the above sum to said St. John		42
" 20	To P. David Drury his acc ^t . as per receipt	4.	77.
Feb. 25	To P. Alfred Avery — per do	2.	87.
"	To P. Anson Cooper — p ^r . — do	1.	62
March 3	To P. William Alverson (Town Treas ^r .) per Rec ^t .		70
	To P. Rev. A. H. Betts, I. W. Weed's Subscription as p ^r . Rec ^t .	7.	25
	To P. R. Lyon as agent of William Alverson p ^r . Rec ^t .	1.	18
	To P. Michael Mason per rec ^t .		18
	To P. Ezekiel L. Goodrich per do	1.	07
	To P. Enos Cooley Balance of acc ^t p ^r . do		93
	To P. Joseph Dingley as per two receipts	6.	40
	To Balance due Levi Shepard on private account as per account now rendered	3.	55
4	To P. Thomas Sly as p ^r . rec ^t .	1.	82
	To Keeping two calves in the winter 1822-19 1/2 weeks each (said calves since dead)		1 50
	To paid the Widow E. C. Weed in Cash being sett off to her by the Appraisers	20.	00
Carried to the other Side		196.	55

[note the March 4, 1822 entry: "\$1.50" for "keeping two calves in the winter 1822"; but these "said calves since dead". The Administrator of Dr. Weed's 'Estate', Levi Shepard paid himself for that service, (despite that the two calves died while in his own care). (Thomas Sly didn't provide that service; his separate 'Receipt' indicates being paid only \$1.82 .)]

in Acc't with Levi Shepard Administrator *Co.*

		Doll.	Cts.
1822			
March 4	By Cash rec'd of Caroline C. Weed widow of I. W. Weed	4	56
	By rec'd for old Iron sold, belonging to the estate	2	00
April 23	By rec'd of William Brown, balance on acc't.	3	11
June 5	" rec'd of Nathan Moulton	3	23
	" Rec'd of Horatio Perry	10	00
	" Rec'd of Jacob Shupe	2	25
Nov. 6	" Rec'd of Henry Brown	223	76
	" Rec'd of James Cuddaback	1	28
	" Rec'd of Jonathan Brooks	2	28
	" Rec'd of Rufus Judson		45
	" Rec'd of Peter Cuddaback	4	26
1823	" Rec'd of Solomon Whittling	-	75
Jan. 25	" Rec'd of Augustus Jones	1	46
Feb. 7	" Rec'd of James Ewings	2	-
	" Rec'd of Joseph Quigley	1	65
15	Rec'd of Thompson Blair	6	50
	" Rec'd of George Bacon Junr.	2	27
27	" Rec'd of Eli Wallace	1	10
	" Rec'd of Judah Hart for 5 Hogs sold him	5	00
	" Rec'd of Reuben Wallace	18	02
	By 1 Horse, Saddle & Bridle taken by the widow C. C. Weed at the Appraisal	22	50
	" Rec'd of Grendon Fairchild	2	37
	" Rec'd of Jonathan Putnam	2	63
	" Rec'd of Ezek. L. Goodrich	-	67
	Rec'd of Robert Green	-	25
March 4	Rec'd of G. Fairchild 2.63 - of J. Peck 8.14 - of G. Austin 7.35	18	12
	" of Alva Curtis 1.74 - of S. C. Ferris 4.25 - of J. Sanders 3.39	9	38
	" of S. Durand 5.75 - of S. Graham, 57. of J. Shupe 9.52	15	84
	" of Wm. Martin 5.86 - of Eli Wallace, 23. - of P. P. Peon 3.05	9	14
	" of Fetus Pomer 2.63 - of W. Alverson 1.07 - of L. Lee 2.07	5	77
	" of O. Holcomb 12.32 - of R. Andrews 8.76 - of A. Keeler 6.26	27	34
	" of J. Maines 17.39 - of E. J. Baldwin 12.15 - of E. Gilman 10.20	39	74
	" of L. Parsons 3.84 - of W. D. Silworthorn 3.50 - of G. W. Cotton 1.08	8	42
	" of J. Houseworth 28.00 - of E. Crawford 2.25 - of Eben. Scott 4.78	35	03
	" of E. Reddington 5.39 - of S. Barnum 6.08 - of Jos. Pelton 7.00	18	47
	" of S. Kitchum 2.00 - of R. Green, 21	2	21
	By Rec'd of J. Houseworth in pork & lard skins	12	02
	By 1 piece chain sold J. Sly	1	00
	Carried over	526	83

(CREDITS/"C", PAID TO THE THE ESTATE OF ISAAC W. WEED), rec'd from ("rec'd of") :
Caroline C. Weed ("widow of I.W.") [Why she owed \$4.56 to her own husband's 'estate' was not explained. Additionally denoted is the \$22.50 value of the "horse, saddle, and bridle" that she retained.]
Wm. Brown; Nathan Moulton; Horatio Perry; Jacob Shupe; Henry Brown; James Cuddeback;
Jonathan Brooks; Rufus Judson; Peter Cuddeback; Solomon Whittlesey; Augustus Jones;
James Ewings; Joseph Quigley; Thompson Blair; George Jr. Bacon; Eli Wallace; Judah Hart
[being Judah's payment for purchasing 5 of the 7 hogs]; Reuben Wallace; Grandison Fairchild;
Robert Green; Jesse Ball; G. Austin; Alva Curtis; T.S. Ferris; J. Sanders; S. Durand;
J. Graham; Wm. Martin; P.P. Pease; Festus Powers; W. Alverson; L. Lee; O. Holcomb;
R. Andrus; A. Keeler; J. Mains; G.J. Baldwin; E. Gilmore; L. Parsons; W.D. Silverthorn;
G.W. Cotton; J. Houseworth; E. Crawford; Eben'r Scott; E. Reddington; S. Barnum;
Jos. Pelton; S. Ketchum; R. Green; J. Houseworth*; T. Sly.

[*- Houseworth made this payment with \$12 worth of "pork, and cub skins".]

{ Presumably, most of the above payments were owed to Dr. Weed for his medical services. }

Caroline Cowles (Weed) Weed was a widow ("relict") merely for a few months when she married George F. James on June 28, 1822 (by Rev. A.H. Betts). The below 'Estate' receipt was signed by her.

\$20
Rec'd Brownhelm March 4. 1823 of Levi Shepard ³²
Administrator on the Estate of Isaac W. Weed my late
husband deceased, twenty dollars being the amount of
money sett off to me by the Appraisers on said estate
Caroline C James

\$407.09
Rec'd Brownhelm March 4 1823 of Levi
Shepard Administrator on the Estate of Isaac W. Weed
late of said Brownhelm deceased four hundred seven
dollars & nine cents
Caroline C James

Relict of said Isaac W. Weed
and Guardian of Isaac A. Weed
Geo F. James
Husband of said Caroline

George Fitch James, about a decade later, would become an ordained priest with the newly-formed "Mormon" Church, (which had attracted quite a few 'converts' from the nearby areas, here – especially in Amherst Twp.). But, despite his devotion and promises to The Prophet Joseph Smith, he decided to remain here in Ohio, (instead of migrating west with the Mormons), and so he was disfellowshipped.

George F. and Caroline James were the parents of:

Stephen B. James (1823-1904); "Judge" Wm.C. James (1830-1899); Geo.F. Jr. James (1834-1857);
Caroline C. James (1837-1866, unmarried); and Frederic L. James (1844-1867).

Rec^d March 5th 1823 of Levi Shepard ³¹
 Administrator of Isaac W. Weed one Dollar
 eighty five cents the balance of amounts
 due to Edwin W. Cowles from said Weed
 for said E. W. Cowles
 Samuel Cowles

Samuel Cowles accepted that \$1.85 payment of behalf of (Dr.) E. W. Cowles. (That debt's reason was not specified.) Samuel Cowles, (a half-brother of the wife of Dr. Cowles), owned property on the lakeshore, east of the Brownhelm Twp. line, within Black River Twp., (although mainly as an investment, but maybe resided upon it briefly). He was a prominent attorney/Judge in Cleveland, and died in 1837.

\$1.50 Rec^d Dec^r. 7. 1822 of Levi Shepard ¹⁴
 Administrator on the Estate of Isaac W. Weed
 One dollar & fifty cents in full for the balance
 of two Grindstones sold said Weed
 Henry Brown

" One dollar & fifty cents, in full [payment] for the [remaining] balance of two Grindstones sold to said Weed", signed by [Col.] Henry Brown, (the leader of the Brownhelm Twp. colony). [These grindstones are not mentioned in the Estate inventory, so maybe were purchased for someone else, by Dr. Weed.]

Brownhelm February 25th 1823 ³⁰
 Rec^d of Levi Shepard Administrator on Isaac W. Weed's
 estate Seventy cents for 1820 for town tax for
 1820
 William Alverson
 Town Treas.
 [Town(ship) Treasurer]

William Alverson was elected the Town Treasurer in 1819. (In these old records, "Town" was often later mistaken to mean 'village'; but historically it refers to this whole Town(-ship) 6 in the 18th Range.)

Brownhelm March 3rd 1823 ¹⁹
 Rec^d of Levi Shepard administrator
 on Isaac W. Weed's estate Seven Dollars &
 twenty four cents
 Alfred H. Betts

Local minister, (Reverend) Alfred H. Betts was presumably collecting this debt on behalf of his church, (per the 'Debits' list: "I. W. Weed's Subscription, \$7.25"). Rev. Betts was separately paid 42-cents for delivering an 'Estate' payment to Gaius W. St. John in Austinburg, (per the 'Debits').

Other 'Receipts' from Dr. Weed's 'Estate' contain the actual signatures of many of the local men.

Brownhelm March 4th 1823 21
 Received of Levi Shepard administrator
 on Isaac W Weed's estate for appearing today
 one Dollar
 Stephen James

Brownhelm March 3rd 1823 25
 Received of Levi Shepard administrator
 on Isaac W Weed's estate one dollar & seven cents
 Ezekiel L. Goodrich

\$1.82 Brownhelm March 4th 1823 24
 Received of Levi Shepard administrator on Isaac W Weed's estate one dollar
 & eighty two cents
 Thomas Sly

Brownhelm March 1st 1823 15
 Received of Levi Shepard administrator
 on Isaac W Weed's estate one dollar & twenty
 six cents
 Elisha Peck

Brownhelm February 25th 1823 20
 Received of Levi Shepard administrator on
 Isaac W Weed's estate one dollar & sixty two cents
 Anson Cooper

Vermilion Sept 30 - 1822 11
 Received of Levi Shepard administrator
 on Isaac W Weed's estate one dollar & twenty
 seven cents
 Horatio Perry

Brownhelm May 6th 1821 9
 Received of Levi Shepard administrator
 on Isaac W Weed's estate the balance due on
 settlement three dollars & twenty three cents.
 Charles Whittlesey

Brownhelm February 25th 1823 18
 Received of Levi Shepard administrator on
 Isaac W Weed's estate two dollars & eighty
 seven cents
 Alfred Avery

\$1.47 Brownhelm Decr 26th 1822 17
 Received of Levi Shepard administrator on
 Isaac W Weed's estate four dollars & 77 cents
 the balance due him on settlement
 David Drury

Brownhelm February 5th 1823 29
 Received of Levi Shepard admin on Isaac W Weed's
 estate eighteen cents being the amount of my account
 Michael Mason

Brownhelm Feb 7th 1823 27
 Received of Levi Shepard admin on Isaac W Weed's estate for cost on judgment
 five dollars & ninety cents
 Joseph Quigley

Brownhelm Feb 7th 1823 22
 Received of Levi Shepard admin on Isaac W Weed's
 estate one dollar & 18 cents the amount
 of Wm Hoover's account
 Ralph Lyon
 his agent

Ralph Lyon resided west of Brownhelm, on the lakeshore in Black River Twp. (The identity of the "Wm. Hoover" mentioned on Lyon's receipt, needs further research.) Joseph Quigley had originally settled adjacent to Lyon on the lakeshore there, (but subsequently located inland, just west of "Amherst Corners").

Ezekiel L. Goodrich resided on the Brownhelm lakeshore, on the 'lot' just east of Dr. Weed, (although Goodrich eventually moved inland and operated a tavern "inn" and store near Mill Hollow). (Goodrich was a son-in-law of the 'founder' of Brownhelm Twp., Col. Henry Brown.) (Deacon) Stephen James resided east of Goodrich; and Thomas Sly resided farther east. Signatures on the other receipts are: Elisha Peck, Anson Cooper, Horatio Perry, Charles Whittlesey, Alfred Avery, David Drury. Michael Mason was a Rev. War soldier. (He eventually moved from Brownhelm back to NY State and died in 1847. But his daughter, Mrs. Lavina Johnson, wife of David Johnson, remained in the Vermilion area.)

[There was no 'receipt' from Nathan Moulton (who was still owed 86-cents by Dr. Weed's 'Estate'), because Moulton had died in the interim. (See the final page, here.) He was a resident of Brownhelm Twp., (according to local tax-records), and his widow's name was Mary; but little else is known about their history.]

Perhaps the most interesting document in Dr. Weed's 'Estate' file, is the private 'Account' which the Estate's own Administrator, Levi Shepard, had with Dr. Weed. (Shepard's occupation was 'blacksmith'.)

AMOUNTS OF DEBITS/"D" OF THE ESTATE OF ISAAC W. WEED, PRIVATELY OWED TO LEVI SHEPARD, (for work that Shepard had done for Dr. Weed prior to the Dr.'s death):

Dr. Isaac W. Weed late of Brownhelm dec'd in f.

		Dollars	Cents
1820			
Aug. 14	To shoeing Horse, 30 (23)	To making 10 pikes, 20	50
" 24	To shoeing horse, 37	To Sharpen dragteeth, 27	64
Oct. 24	To shoeing horse, 33	To footing Handirons, 62	95
	To making Ear for Brass Kettle		20
Dec. 11	To shoeing horse, 1.25	Bonding Spider, 25	50
	To mending Chain		06
18	To Bonding Kettle		33
1821			
Jan. 12	To shoeing horse		75
	To 1 Harness bridle with blinds		00
Feb. 20	To shoeing Horse		12 1/2
May 22	To shoeing Horse (Mr. Kelso's)		50
31	To shoeing horse		25
Aug. 14	To shoeing horse		25
Sept. 16	To Sharpening Plough Share		20
Oct. 10	To shoeing horse		22
	To 1 Qt. Whiskey		19
		7.	66 1/2

Debts that were still owed to Levi Shepard for Shepard's work for Dr. Weed, were for :
"shoeing horses", "making 10 pikes", "sharpen dragteeth", "footing Hand irons";
"Making Ear for Brass Kettle"; for "Bonding Spider"; "Mending Chain";
for "Bonding Kettle", "Sharpening Plough Share"; and for "1 Qt. Whiskey".

CREDITS/"Cr", PAID TO(?) ISAAC W. WEED'S ESTATE, BY(?) LEVI SHEPARD;
and "Balance Due Levi Shepard charged in his Acct. as Administrator" :

Private Acct. with Levi Shepard - Cr. 33

		Dollars	Cents
1820			
Aug. 5	By Balance on Settlement		29
Oct. 25	By 1 Gall. Whiskey		50
1821			
Sept. 17	By Sundry Medicines & Attendance as a Physician charged on his Book up to this date	3	32
		4.	11
	By Balance due Levi Shepard charged in his Acct. as Administrator.	3.	55
		7	66

A true Account
Errors Excepted
Levi Shepard

["A true Account"
"Errors excepted"
(signed) "Levi Shepard"]

Dr. The Estate of Isaac W. Weed late of Brownhelm deceased in

		Dolls	Cents
1823		196	55
March	To Amount brought over		
4	To paid Caroline C. James in her own right & as Guardian of Jean A. Weed - }	407	09
March 6 th	To paid Samuel Cowb, per recd. -	1	50
	To paid Edwin W. Cowb per receipt -	1	85
	To amt. due to the estate of Nathan McCullon which I have agreed to pay & will pay	86	
	To Wm. Vandoozer which I will pay	62	1/2
	[and] "To Wm. Vandoozer" [Van Duesen?]		
	To 6 ^{1/2} Cent Commission on 67470 ¹⁰⁰ del.	\$ 608	47 1/2
	To amount paid to Gibbs for making filing papers	40	48
		3	00

The amount in the adm's hands which I must pay to the guardian of Jane A. Weed to balance --

\$ 2274

\$ 67470

The above is accepted by the Court as a final settlement

March 6th 1823

George Tod, [Court President]

Attest
 Wm. M. Weed
 Adm'r of the Estate
 1823